

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4771, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Responsible Family Planning Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4771, as amended, amends Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 118 which is to be known as the Responsible Family Planning Act. The Bill defines the onset of “pregnancy” as the implantation of the ovum in the uterine wall; and defines “contraceptive” as any US Food & Drug Administration-approved device or method that prevents pregnancy. The Bill further declares that laws of this State that pertain to abortion do not pertain to contraceptives.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

This Bill, as amended, has the potential to require then Department of Health and Human Services to provide access to all FDA-approved contraceptives that prevent pregnancy. The emergency contraceptive known as Plan B is FDA-approved but is not currently covered (as a matter of policy) under this State’s Medicaid plan. DHHS reports there are 259,401 Medicaid-eligible individuals between the ages of 10 and 55 who are not receiving family planning services. Of this population, it is estimated that 25% or 64,850 could potentially use emergency contraceptives. Based on this estimate, a total cost of \$2,413,727 may be anticipated. The family planning match rate under the Medicaid program is approximately 10% State / 90% Federal match. Therefore, the impact on the General Fund could be an estimated \$241,373 while Federal Funds may be estimated at \$2,172,354.

Other Agencies

The Department of Health & Environmental Control and the Department of Social Services report that there would be no cost to either agency as a result of enacting House Bill 4771, as amended.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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